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LaGrange Road lane closures begin Monday

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that replacement of the bridge decks and other improvements to the bridges carrying LaGrange Road (U.S. 12/20/45) over Santa Fe Drive, Canadian National Railroad, I&M Canal and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in Justice, Hodgkins, Countryside and Willow Springs will begin, weather permitting, Monday, April 4.

To establish the work zone, LaGrange Road will initially be reduced from three lanes to two in each direction, from just north of Interstate 294 (Tri-State Tollway) to just south of Interstate 55. The closures are necessary to make temporary pavement repairs so southbound LaGrange Road can accommodate both directions of traffic when work begins later this month on replacing the northbound LaGrange Road bridge decks.

The \$21.4 million project, which involves replacing the existing bridge decks and installing new lighting along with pier and abutment repairs, is anticipated to be completed in fall 2023.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Alternative routes are encouraged. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and nine million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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